IN THE CLAIMS:

1.   (Currently amended) A method ~~for performing in-line text expansion, said method~~ comprising:

 requesting a data file from a server;

 receiving said data file from said server onto a user system;

 displaying said data file on a user screen attached to said user system, said displaying including:

 reading a record from said data file, said record including record header data, record body data, and a record body display flag;

 adding said record header data to said user screen; and

 adding said record body data to said user screen if said record body display flag is set to on; and

 updating said user screen in response to selection of said record header data, said updating including:

 removing said record body data from said user screen and setting said record body display flag to off if said record body display flag is set to on; and

 adding said record body data to said user screen and setting said record body display flag to on if said record body display flag is set to off.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said requesting a data file is performed using browser software.

3.   (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said receiving said data file is performed using browser software.

4.   (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said record includes HTML tags.

5.   (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said record includes XML tags.

6.   (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said displaying is performed using Java software.

7.   (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said updating is performed using Java software.

8.   (Currently amended) A system ~~for performing in-line text expansion, said system~~ comprising:

a user system in communication with a server over a network, said user system implementing a process comprising:

requesting a data file from said server;

receiving said data file from said server onto a user system;

displaying said data file on a user screen attached to said user system, said displaying including:

reading a record from said data file, said record including record header data, record body data, and a record body display flag;

adding said record header data to said user screen; and

adding said record body data to said user screen if said record body display flag is set to on; and

updating said user screen in response to selection of said record header data, said updating including:

removing said record body data from said user screen and setting said record body display flag to off if said record body display flag is set to on; and

adding said record body data to said user screen and setting said record body display flag to on if said record body display flag is set to off.

9.   (Original) The system of claim 8 wherein said requesting a data file is performed using browser software.

10.   (Original) The system of claim 8 wherein said receiving said data file is performed using browser software.

11.   (Original) The system of claim 8 wherein said record includes HTML tags.

12.   (Original) The system of claim 8 wherein said record includes XML tags.

13.   (Original) The system of claim 8 wherein said displaying is performed using Java software.

14.   (Original) The system of claim 8 wherein said updating is performed using Java software.

15.   (Original) The system of claim 8 wherein said network is the internet.

16.   (Original) The system of claim 8 wherein said network is an intranet.

17.   (Currently amended) A storage medium encoded with machine-readable computer program code ~~for performing in-line~~ text expansion, the storage medium storing instructions for causing a user system to implement a method comprising:

requesting a data file from a server;

receiving said data file from said server onto said user system;

displaying said data file on a user screen attached to said user system, said displaying including:

reading a record from said data file, said record including record header data, record body data, and a record body display flag;

adding said record header data to said user screen; and

adding said record body data to said user screen if said record body display flag is set to on; and

updating said user screen in response to selection of said record header data, said updating including:

removing said record body data from said user screen and setting said record body display flag to off if said record body display flag is set to on; and

adding said record body data to said user screen and setting said record body display flag to on if said record body display flag is set to off.

18.   (Original) The storage medium of claim 17 wherein said requesting a data file is performed using browser software.

19.   (Original) The storage medium of claim 17 wherein said receiving said data file is performed using browser software.

20.   (Original) The storage medium of claim 17 wherein said record includes HTML tags.

21.   (Original) The storage medium of claim 17 wherein said record includes XML tags.

22.   (Original) The storage medium of claim 17 wherein said displaying is performed using Java software.

23.   (Original) The storage medium of claim 17 wherein said updating is performed using Java software.

24.   (Original) A data record comprising:
         record header data;
         record body data; and
         a record body display flag, wherein status of said record body display flag controls display of said record body data, said status of said record body display flag being responsive to selection of said record header data.